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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRES. TOLBERT TO PRES. NIXON RE: ME CONFLICT

FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED AT EMBASSY FROM EXECUTIVE MANSION
AT 0930 OCT 14, 1973:

QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON,

MY DEAR GREAT AND GOOD FRIEND: ONCE AGAIN THE LONG STANDING
MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT HAS FLARED INTO A FULL SCALE WAR BETWEEN
ISRAEL, EGYPT AND SYRIA. IT IS A WAR THAT IS CAUSING GREAT
CONCERN AND HAVOC WHICH IS DEEPLY REGRETTEED. THIS BLOODY
BATTLE WHICH I MAINTAIN COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED, IS CAUSING
IMMENSE MATERIAL WASTE AND DESTRUCTION AND COLOSSAL LOSS OF
PRECIOUS HUMAN LIVES. IT MUST SURELY BE REALIZED BY ALL WORLD
LEADERS THAT THE RESULTING INJURY AND
CONSEQUENT DAMAGE OF THIS CONFLICT WILL BE SHARED NOT ONLY
BY THE PARTIES IMMEDIATELY INVOLVED BUT IN SOME WAY BY MEN AND
NATIONS EVERYWHERE IN OUR ONE WORLD. I MUST REITERATE MY VIEW
THAT IN TODAYS WORLD WHERE MANS INGENUITY AND COOPERATION
HAVE PRODUCED UNPRECEDENTED ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FILEDS
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THEREBY ENABLING HIM TO
EXTEND EXPLORATION EVEN BEYOND THE CONFINES OF THE EARTH, IT IS
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A SERIOUS REFLECTION UPON HIS APPARANT INABILITY TO AVOID THE

KIND OF MANMADE DISASTERS SUCH AS IS NOW
THE CASE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I AM EQUALLY CONVINCED THAT MEN
OF GOOD WILL DO HAVE THE CAPACITY TO SECURE PEACE THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD. WHAT IS NEEDED IS THE COMMON WILL TO DO SO. YOURS IS
ONE OF THE GREATEST AND MOST POWERFUL NATIONS OF OUR TIME AND
CAN CONCEIVABLY BE MOST EFFECTIVE IN THE INFLUENCING THE CAUSE OF
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I AM THEREFORE EARNESTLY APPEALING TO
YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT TO DO ALL THAT LIES WITHIN YOUR ABILITY
TO CAUSE A HALT IN WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE THE WANTON DESTRUCTION
OF LIVES AND THE RUTHLESS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY BETWEEN
ISRAEL AND HER ARAB NEIGHBORS. THE STATE OF ISRAEL HAS RIGHT TO
EXISTENCE AND UNRESTRICTED ENJOYMENT OF HER NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY
EQUAL TO THAT OF ANY STATE IN THE WORLD. MOREOVER, I REMAIN UNDER
THE CONVICTION THAT NO STATE HAS A RIGHT TO DEPRIVE ANOTHER OF
ITS TERRITORY BY FORCE OF ARMS OR BY MILITARY CONQUEST. THIS IS
OUR POSITION AND WE FIND IT APPLICABLE TO THE MIDDLE EAST
SITUATION. THE PRINCIPLE EMBODIED IN SECURITY COUNCIL 242
FULLY COINCIDES WITH OUR POSITION AND IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THE
ACCEPTANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SAME COULD BE A REAL BASIS
FOR A NEGOTIATED PERMANENT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT
BASED ON JUSTICE. ESTEEMING YOU TO BE ONE DEDICATED TO
CONCILIATION AND THE AVOIDANCE OF BLOODY CONFRONTATION AMONG
NATIONS, PERMIT ME TO IMPORE YOU, BOTH AS THE LEADER OF YOUR
GREAT NATION AND AS A RESPECTED FRIEND TO BE GRACIOUS AS TO USE
YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO OCCASION A CEASEFIRE IN THE MIDDLE EAST
THUS PAVING THE WAY FOR THE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 AND THE EVENTUAL RESTORATION OF PEACE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST. I HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE THIS APPEAL BECAUSE
OF THE URGENT NECESSITY FOR PEACE WHICH THE SITUATION DEMANDS
AND THE CONFIDENCE I HAVE IN YOUR ABILITY AND LEADERSHIP. IF WE
FAIL NOW WE WILL HAVE NO EXCUSE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT
FAILURE. I AM TRUSTING THAT THIS APPEAL WILL EVOKE YOUR SYMPATHETIC
FAVORABLE REACTION. WITH SENTIMENTS OF HIGHEST PERSONAL ESTEEM
AND CONSIDERATION. WILLIAM R. TOLBERT.QUOTE
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